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**Response to Amendment**

The reply filed on June 16, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): 1) claims 16-19, which were previously cancelled, are not listed as such in the amendment; 2) claims 62-64 are listed as cancelled, but claims 62-68 were previously cancelled; 3) there is instruction to cancel claim 60, but it is still included as a previously amended claim. Therefore, it is not clear what claims are currently pending. On page 9 of the response Applicants state that they deleted terms "a naturally occurring dNTP.." etc. from claim 1, but these terms are still present in the claim. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. ~~EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).~~

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Teresa E Strzelecka whose telephone number is (703) 306-5877. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:30). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Benzion can be reached at (703) 308-1119. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4242 for regular communications and (703) 305-3014 for After Final communications. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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